

CALL FOR PAPERS

Genealogy and Gender

Generational relationships and genealogies touch on central questions in gender studies and gender policies: Who is in a position to pass on which (material and intellectual) heritage under which social conditions? Which knowledge and skills are acknowledged as capable of being passed on as traditions in respective historical gender relationships? How do different generations view the constitution of history, transmission, and transformation? How are generational relationships gendered, and what impedes their analysis and critique? What role do constellations play in which generational relationships and genealogy formation are disrupted by flight, (forced) migration, or elimination? Such experiences, as well as the prevention of certain gendered genealogies, pose the challenge of how genealogies can be (re)established. Established gender studies must consider which theoretical approaches and subjects have been adopted and which genealogies have been dismissed. What are the conditions for canon formation, memory, and transmission? How can a differentiated understanding of gender be ensured in times of (right-wing) hostility towards science?

For this issue, we invite contributions that discuss the formation of genealogies as a critique of gender and generational relationships from historical, historiographical, theoretical, and empirical perspectives.

Possible questions/research topics in detail

- Analysis of genealogies and generational relationships in women's/gender political movements and academic gender studies
- Critique and refinement of gender studies in generational relationships and in relation to other critical sciences (e.g., postcolonial, intersectional, anti-Semitism-critical, migrant and ableism-critical research)
- Genealogies of theory formation (e.g., enforcement vs. dismissal of trends in equality, difference, trans, or gender/queer theory, or of concepts such as patriarchy, heteronormativity, androcentrism, sex/gender distinction)
- Archives as institutions for preserving and creating genealogies and for correcting gendered, racist, anti-Semitic, class-specific distorted history
- Archival practices of silencing, destruction/non-transmission of knowledge, references, and traditions
- Genealogy, generation, and authority in feminist theory formation (e.g., Diotima, Affidamento, Jineoloji, or Pan-African feminist concepts) or feminist education/educational philosophy or critical masculinity studies

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- Familial and “intellectual” parent-child/grandparent-grandchild relationships in gender relations or gender studies
- Heritage, tradition, transmission, or negation of generational relationships as subjects of gender theory (e.g., legal, theological, or pedagogical perspectives)

Procedure and timetable

- Please submit a one- to two-page abstract by **12 April 2026**. Non-German speakers are welcome to submit their articles in English.
- Please send your proposal as well as your manuscript as Word file to: manuskripte@gender-zeitschrift.de (**subject: Special issue „Genealogy”**).
- Once your abstract has been assessed and judged suitable for this issue, you will receive an invitation to submit. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **04 May 2026**. The deadline for submission of the final manuscript is **27 September 2026**.
- Manuscripts must not exceed **50,000 characters (including space characters)**. A style sheet for authors is available at www.gender-zeitschrift.de/en/manuscripts.

All submissions will be reviewed in our double-blind peer review process based on which the final selection of contributions to be published will be made. The editors may give instructions to revise the contribution, which is the rule rather than the exception. In case of a high number of positively peer-reviewed contributions, the Editorial Department reserves the right to make a final selection of articles and to publish some contributions in a later issue.

About GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society

GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society was founded in 2009 as a journal on women and gender studies. The journal aims to cover a wide range of topics and academic disciplines in which gender issues are reflected. Given the journal’s multi-disciplinary setting, we welcome analyses from, for instance, sociology, educational science, political science, cultural science and history which correspond to the interdisciplinary nature of gender studies. GENDER is published in three issues a year. Contributions to the free section are always welcome, irrespective of the focus of the special issue.

Do you have any questions?

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